LUND-MCADAM NUPTIALS

A pretty wedding was solemnized recently at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Charlottetown, when Mary Victoria Lund, daughter of Mrs. Gordon J. Lund and the late Mr. Lund, Charlottetown became the bride of Frederic Paul McAdam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McAdam, Charlottetown. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul Starr, CSsR.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

New London UCW Hears Various Year-End Reports

KENSINGTON — The first annual meeting of the New London United Church Women was held in the church vestry on Thursday evening, December 6.

The president, Mrs. Harold Mayhew opened the meeting, and Mrs. Louis MacLeod led the devotional period. The hymn "As with Gladness Men of Old" was sung, and scripture from Isaish 9 and Luke 2 was read by Mrs. J.M. Campbell and Mrs. Harold Dunning, followed by prayer and meditation by the leader. The hymn "It came upon a Midnight Clear", closed the devotional period. Mrs. Lewis Campbell led in prayer for our missionaries.

The minutes of the last meeting and last annual meeting were read by secretary, Mrs. James E. Cole. Twelve members answered roll call with a Christmas thought. The friendship report was 6 treats, 60 cards 35 home and hospital calls, 7 letters, and two books read. The treasurer, Mrs. Ray MacLeod, reported that there is a balance on hand of $1081.51. Reports were heard from other committees. The president thanked the members for their co-operation during the past year.

Mrs. J. M. Campbell was appointed to take the chair for the election of officers for the year 1963 which resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Harold Mayhew; vice president, Mrs. James M. Campbell; secretary, Mrs. James E. Cole; treasurer, Mrs. Ray MacLeod; press secretary, Mrs. William F. Cotton; auditor, Mrs. Louis MacLeod; nominating committee, Mrs. Harold Dunning and Mrs. Edward MacMurdo. Conveners: finance, Mrs. Morton Adams; manse, Mrs. Frank Ramsay; program; literature and communications, Mrs. Louis MacLeod; social functions, Mrs. Keith Woodside; community friendship, Mrs. Dan F. MacKay; visiting, Mrs. Harold Dunning; citizenship and temperance, Mrs. John MacGregor; flower and membership, Mrs. Frank Ramsay; representative to official board, Mrs. Louis MacLeod; committee of stewards, Mrs. Harold Mayhew; Christian education, Mrs. Ray MacLeod; missionary and maintainance, Mrs. James E. Cole; assistants to citizenship, Mrs. Sutherland Montgomery and Mrs. Lewis Campbell; to finance, Mrs. Ray MacLeod; to nominations, Mrs. James M. Campbell; to community friendship, Mrs. Louis Cole; to social functions, Mrs. Weirum MacKay. Mrs. Louis MacLeod, Mrs. Sutherland Montgomery, Mrs. Lewis Campbell; visiting, Mrs. J.M. Campbell and Mrs. William Cotton.

The correspondence was read and discussed. Ten dollars was voted to the Maritime Home for Girls in Truro, N.S. A reader was presented by Mrs. Edward MacMurdo.

Mrs. William Cotton will be leader for the January meeting. Missionary prayer by Mrs. Frank Ramsay, program, Mrs. James M. Campbell. Roll call will be answered with a New Year's thought. Mrs. William Cotton will be in charge of the study book.

Meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

ELMIRA W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Elmira W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Clive Bruce. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Bruce, and opened by members repeating the Mary Stewart Collect in unison. Roll call was answered by seven members exchanging Christmas gifts.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The secretary read the financial report which showed a small balance. Members of the sewing class displayed what had been done since the last meeting and plans were finalized for the bazaar.

The committee reported plans for the Christmas Concert were progressing favorably. It is to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19th.

Sewing classes to be discontinued until after the holidays. Fuel and pipe were ordered for the hall stove. Mrs. Ruth Blais, deputy reported for the hall committee.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Harris. Lunch committee members were Mrs. William Holland and Mrs. George Murphy.

After the meeting a very delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Bruce.

SPRINGTON W. I.

The annual meeting of Springton W. I. was held recently at the home of Mrs. James Bryenton.

The meeting opened by repeating the creed, and roll call was answered by eight members and two visitors passing in a cake of soap for U.S.C. One new member joined the group.

The president thanked the members for their co-operation during the year. The treasurer reported a year end balance of $56.11.

Correspondence was read and dealt with. Flannelette had been received and sewing for U.S.C. is to be done in January.

The following officers were elected for ensuing year: president, Mrs. Duncan McIntosh; vice - president, Mrs. James Bryenton; secretary, Mrs. Dan McPhee; treasurer, Mrs. Ralph McPhee; card secretary, Marian Bryenton; school, Mrs. Lester Cairns; auditors, Mrs. Ralph Thompson and Eleanor Thompson.

Mrs. S. Cairns invited members to her home for the December meeting. Roll call to be answered with a card of safety pins for U.S.C. and an exchange of gifts.

Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

BRACKLEY POINT W.I.

The December meeting of the Brackley Point Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Earle Skeffington on December 6. The meeting opened with the singing of "Jingle Bells" and thirteen members answered roll call. Four visitors attended the meeting.

The treasurer reported that a net profit of $66.40 had been received from the recent pantry sale. It was decided that the semi-annual payment be made to the music teacher and $5 dues paid to the Musical Festival Association.

The school report indicated that paper towels and drinking cups had been provided. Mrs. William MacCallum will be the school visitor for December and will see to the purchase of a treat for the Christmas concert. The members volunteered to make fudge for sale at the affair.

After some discussion it was decided to have the hall drapes dry-cleaned. The new president and secretary gave an account of the leadership course which they attended in Parkdale recently.

An interesting letter was read from Mrs. Bill Munroe, Coppermine, NWT, a former teacher in the district and Institute member. Thanks was expressed for flowers sent to a member during her recent stay in hospital and thanks was also received for a treat sent to a sick child.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gerald Robinson and roll call will be answered with a card.

Following the business meeting a Christmas auction was held. Mrs. Stanley Murray acted as auctioneer and $27 was realized.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess before the meeting was adjourned.

VICTORIA W.I.

The December meeting of the Victoria Women's Institute was held on December 6 in the institute room. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Howard Wood read the minutes and the correspondence. Roll call was answered by 11 members.

Mrs. Emerson MacDonald reported for the sick committee, and was re-appointed to this committee for another month. It was decided that a donation of $5 be given to the TB League. It was also decided to donate $5 for Christmas treats for the school children.

Carrying on the Christmas tradition Mrs. Emerson MacDonald and Mrs. Kenneth MacLean offered to pack Christmas boxes. It was decided to hold the January meeting on Wednesday, January 2.

Mrs. Kenneth MacLean was asked to convey the thanks of the institute to the legion branch for their donation toward the electric light bill. Mrs. Doris Thompson and Mrs. Annie Craig were appointed to plan a program for the January meting.

After the meeting adjourned, lunch was served by Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Boulter.

NORTH RUSTICO UCW

The North Rustico United Church Women held their December meeting at the Buntain home on Thursday evening, December 6.

The president opened the meeting using as the theme "Christmas". Mrs. John MacLure and Mrs. Thomas Hiscott took part in the devotional period. The scripture lesson was Luke, chapter 2. Irma Toombs was the pianist.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and roll call was answered with a scripture verse. The treasurer reported that the allocation had been reached for the year. Mrs. Roy Woolner read from the study book.

Officers re-elected for 1963 include: president, Myra Laird; vice-president, Mrs. Roy Woolner; secretary, Mrs. Roland Buntain; assistant secretary, Mrs. W.L. Toombs and treasurer, Irma Toombs.

A poem "For Christmas Is" brought the meeting to a close.

SPRINGFIELD WI

The annual meeting of the Springfield WI was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Keith Maye and was opened with the Institute Ode and Collect.

Eight members answered roll call by paying their dues. One visitor attended the meeting.

The president gave a splendid report of the year's activities and this was followed by the reports of the various standing committees.

The sick committee reported that 12 get well cards; 2 Christmas cards, 3 sympathy cards and 3 baby cards had been sent during the year. The Red Cross Committee reported that 1 box of Christmas gifts, 5 baby blankets, 2 nightdresses, 2 party dresses, 5 pair of pants 10 diapers and 3 baby gowns had been donated to this organization. A report was given by the U.S.C. committee who reported that wool caps, bandages, a shawl and a large box of used clothing had been supplied to the U.S.C.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of $69.86.

The present slate of officers was re-elected. The correspondence was read and discussed.

Suggested programs for the coming year were discussed and the sum of $7 was voted for the adopted boy fund.

It was decided that instead of exchanging Christmas gifts each members would give 50 cents to be sent to Care and that a former member, an invalid, be kept in touch with the Institute through the program bulliten and monthly calls by the members.

Mrs. Robert Howard conducted an interesting program, "Story of Your Birthday" and presented prizes for perfect attendance to Mrs. Crawford Sinclair and Mrs. Keith Mayne. The contest was won by Mrs. R.H. Haslam.

MARY HAWORTH

Wife Of Alcholic Wonders How To Cope With Future

Dear Mary Haworth: Is there any torture to compare with that of being the innocent wife and child of an alcoholic man?

If alcoholism is a disease, as they say, what is the cure?

I have watched my husband change from a drinking college boy to a full-fledged "sick" alcoholic. Along the way I have informed myself as best I could about the nature of his illness and have nursed him patiently.

I am not perfect; I have made many mistakes, too. But our children are entering adult life without neuroses, our house is lovely and well-cared-for, I myself am attractive and blessed with longtime loyal friendships.

My husband is within one year of reaching the top rung of success in his line of work, which means very substantial financial achievement. Why, then, this nightmare and hell of drinking?

I would like to hear from others, through your column, about the terminal progression of this disease. I have heard that the disintegration of mind and body in the final stages is approximately the same in all cases. I would like to prepare for what is ahead, so would welcome concrete advice on how to cope. We are in our middle-forties. V.V.

Dear V.V.: You sound like an intelligent woman who hasn't been using her intelligence to become well-informed on the subject of alcoholism.

Twenty-five years ago, when Alcoholics Anonymous came into being and this column was the first medium of public print to hail its existence and redemptive potential, very little was known about the drink problem actually. Doctors, psychiatrists, pastors, alcoholics, their families and friends alike were stymied by the adversary John Barleycorn. All felt helpless if not indeed hopeless, as they strove to rescue the compulsive drinker from his destructive addiction.

But in the past quarter-century, a substantial amount of literature of valid hope has been produced which sheds a bit of helpful light on factors that foster alcoholism; also on what may be done to restore alcoholics to sobriety and keep them "dried out," as the AAs wittily say.

Two of the more recent good books in this field are "Living With An Alcoholic," published by Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc., $2.72 plus postage) P.O. Box 182, Madison Square Station, New York 10, N.Y., and "Tomorrow Will be Sober," by Dr. Lincoln Williams, with a foreword by Dr. Harry M. Tebout, a trustee of Alcoholics Anonymous and a director of the National Council on Alcoholism. This book is published ($3.) by Harper and Brothers, New York.

My advice is that you get copies of these two books. Place an order through your local bookstore if they aren't in stock or write the publishers, as listed above, enclosing the purchase price plus postage (using your personal bank check or a post office money order) and asking that the book be sent you parcel post.

Other excellent books on the subject are:

"Just One More: Concerning the Problem Drinker" (Coward McCann publishers $3.50) by James Lamb Free.

"Alcoholism: Its Scope, Cause and Treatment" (Random House, New York $3) by Dr. Ruth Fox and Peter Lyon.

"How to Stop Drinking" (Henry Holt Company $2.95) by Herbert Brean, with a foreword by Dr. Marie Nyswander.

Finally, there is a pamphlet by Alton L. Blakeslee titled "Alcoholism: A Sickness That Can Be Beaten" (25 c.) published and distributed by Public Affairs Pamphlets, 22 East 38th Street, New York 16, N.Y. The pamphlet includes for your further information a suggested reading list.

As of now, your emotional attitude is melodramatic. The reading course outlined herein should help you overcome that futile bias and get down to brass tacks in doing what can be done to ease the problem.

M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of (The Guardian).

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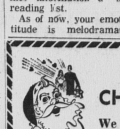

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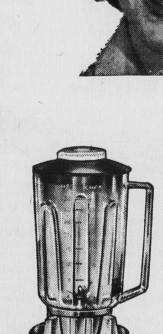

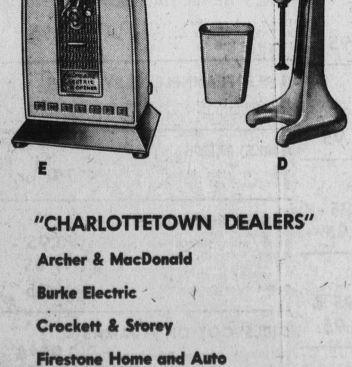

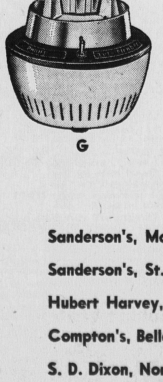

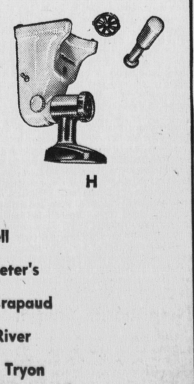

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